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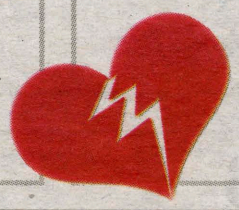

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TDX Suspended

An investigation conducted by the Dean of Students Office concluded the fraternity was in violation of the College's hazing policy

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The first suspension of a Greek organization at Hamilton College in nearly half a decade was announced on Tuesday, April 20. The Theta Delta Chi fraternity (TDX) was suspended for violating the College's hazing rules, effective immediately. The following traces the story from the hazing incident to the College's investigation and response.

Playing with fire

The incident which led to the hazing complaint occurred a few weeks ago. According to Dean of Students Nancy Thompson, a student was injured after walking across embers of a fire during a TDX event.

The facts leading up to the alleged hazing are not in significant dispute. According to former TDX President Teddy McBride '10, the event was a chance to inform pledges about the history of the fraternity. Pledges and brothers were sitting around a fire sharing stories—according to McBride, it was "a night where everybody's equal," intended to prepare pledges for their initiation into brotherhood. McBride also recalled that there was no alcohol provided at the event and he did not notice anyone who appeared intoxicated.

Towards the end of the evening, the fire was doused. McBride said that both brothers and pledges were dancing around the remnants of the fire, and a few elected to walk around the doused embers, at which point a student may have been injured. However, he recalled that at the conclusion of the evening "nobody seemed hurt." Thompson's account was similar to McBride's; she noted in her e-mail to the campus that the "activity culminated in members and pledges walking across embers."

A pledge was, however, injured by walking across the embers. This was reported to the College administration, leading to disciplinary

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PHOTO BY JANE HANNON '11

With the usual venue of G-Road prohibited last year, students moved Class and Charter Day parties to locations like Eells House. The College says large gatherings will not be allowed this year.

College Plans to Curb Compsumption on Upcoming Class and Charter Day

by Emily Delbridge '13
News Writer

"It's definitely one of the most anticipated days of the year," said Andrew Boddorff '10 of Hamilton's Class & Charter Day.

Friday, May 7 is the 60th annual Class & Charter Day. This last day of classes is meant to give the campus a way to celebrate the founding of the College, the completion of the academic year and all student and faculty accomplishments.

The day is typically marked by students drinking heavily from morning through evening and large, raucous parties, which have often led to alcohol-related injuries. Last year, Hamilton's emergency medical technicians (EMTs) received six calls, four for alcohol-related injuries, resulting in four Clinton ambulances simultaneously arriving on campus in response to emergency calls.

This year, Diann Lynch, a registered nurse at the Health Center who supervises EMTs, plans to spread out EMTs across campus. EMTs will use two golf carts to help them get to injured students quickly, despite the roads being blocked off for the HamTrek triathlon. Both the emergency responders and Campus Safety are keeping extra staff

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PHOTO BY ANDY RICHARDSON '10

Paul Lieberstein '89 of *The Office* speaks to a packed audience in Wellin Hall on April 16.

Office's Toby Goes Off Script in Return to Hill

by Kate Moore '12
News Editor

Hamilton students are privileged to have alumni who make generous donations, recruit prospective students and provide networking opportunities. However, few alumni are able to offer the valuable guidance of a sage who has made the journey from economics major to failed auditor to successful writer and actor, most notably on NBC's hit show *The Office*. Paul Lieberstein '89 is an exception.

On Friday, April 16, Lieberstein gave an open lecture to the Hamilton community. He toured the campus and shared lunch with President Joan Hinde Stewart and dinner with the Campus Activities Board.

Dave Eng, assistant director of student activities, considered Lieberstein's visit a huge success.

"Unlike his solemn character Toby, who is often the target of incessant ridicule by his boss, Paul's warm and charming personality made welcoming him back to Hamilton College a true pleasure," Eng said.

The celebrity alumnus also met with student improv and sketch comedy groups, media organizations, writing organizations, Student Assembly and members of his fraternity Chi Psi.

"Paul was awesome. What I loved the most about his presentation, aside from the fact that he loves *The Wire*, is how he stressed that our majors don't define our lives. Best advice an alum has ever given," said Jennifer Hightower '12.

With every seat taken in Wellin Hall, Lieberstein opened with an anecdote about his days as a rogue Hamilton student, including breaking into the pool (while it was still under construction), stints with intramural hockey and the jazz ensemble and a less than inspiring career center appointment.

He went on to outline the evolution of his career in media, citing experience with shows such as *Weird Science*, *King of the Hill* and *Clarissa Explains It All*. Lieberstein is best known for his work as a writer, producer and actor on the American version of *The Office*, which is currently in its sixth season.

The lecture ended with an open question and answer session in which Lieberstein revealed information ranging from the dorms he lived in at Hamilton (Dunham, Spencer House and Milbank) to *The Office* character he would most like to kill off (Michael Scott). He also said that his future plans included getting his own show picked up by a network.

In an interview with *The Spectator*, Lieberstein said of Hamilton, "So little has changed, that's what I find shocking. I came here expecting a lot of change. The divide between campus is the same."

Students Frustrated with 60/40 Rule Shutting Door on Housing

by Emily Gerston '11
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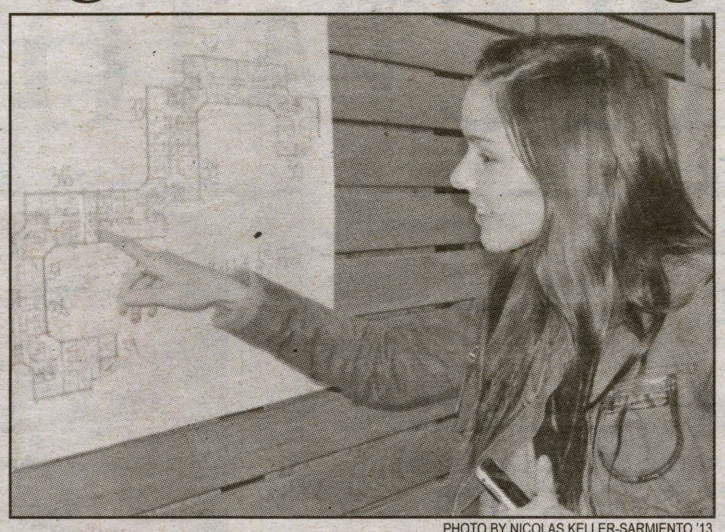

PHOTO BY NICOLAS KELLER-SARMIENTO '13

Jenna Johnson '11 weighs her options during the blocking lottery in the Annex on Monday, April 19.

Female students who were hoping for a Kirkland loft quickly had their hopes dashed as the fourth floor of Kirkland closed to women within the first 10 numbers of the substance-free lottery. During the blocking lottery, Babbitt also closed to women. Residential Life has a policy that buildings (or sometimes individual floors) should not have more than 60 percent of one sex.

"We're trying to try to provide the opportunity for all students to have reasonably equal access to all types of living situations," said Director of Residential Life Travis Hill. "We don't want any one sex to dominate a living environment. Some options tend to be more appealing to one sex or another and make cultures of certain buildings one sex or another."

To prevent this, buildings such as McIntosh may not have more than 60 percent of residents be one sex, and buildings such as Carnegie may not have more than 60 percent of each floor be one sex.

Jen Santoro '11 hoped to get a Kirkland loft at number 11, but she was prohibited because of the sex ratios.

Her housing choices have also been affected by this problem in the past. Nonetheless, Santoro feels that the policy is well-intentioned. "It makes sense, even though I hate it," she said. "I mean, I wouldn't have a problem with all girls dorms or all guys dorms. I wouldn't live in one, but 80-20 or 90-10 or 75-25 – that's just a little too heavy."

While the "60/40 rule" has always affected the housing lottery, this year marked the first time that students registered online for the substance-free and co-op lotteries. In past years, this registration required in-person sign-ups at the Residential Life office.

Eastside Area Director Ashley Menard was unsure of how the new system would work. "We tested it out this time," she explained. "Obviously there were a couple of glitches but overall it made it a lot easier for students to just sign up and not have to come into the office – they could just sign up at 3 a.m. if they wanted to. It just made it a lot more convenient for us and them."

Santoro took advantage of the new system to the fullest extent. "I don't remember when or where I was when I registered, but I registered for the substance-free lottery on my iPod," she said. "I got an e-mail confirming it, and after I signed up it gave me a little 'Thank you!' page like you get after taking a Hamilton survey."

Not everyone had a positive experience with the new registration system. "There were a couple of students who got confirmation e-mails but weren't on our list, but they showed up and showed us their confirmation e-mails," Menard explained. "That's already been addressed with ITS and they're working on it for us."

Hill urged students to save their confirmation e-mails just in case.

The new registration system has not been applied to the blocking lottery for logistical reasons. "The blocking lottery is a challenge because it's groups of six people," said Menard. "In order for us to make it work, we had to make everybody sign up just on a piece of paper."

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NESCAC NEWS

by Amanda Jordan '10
News Writer

Bowdoin College

A new course offered by the Bowdoin College Sociology Department focuses on Facebook. The course, called "In the Facebook Age," examines sociological concepts and relates them to Facebook and other social networks. The course is fluid – the material covered in class changes in relation to developments in the social sphere.

Dhiraj Murthy, professor of sociology at Bowdoin, said, "It's a constantly evolving organism, a symbiotic relationship between my students and me." Besides Facebook, students in the course use other types of media such as YouTube videos, blogs and ChatRoulette.

Tufts University

Lawrence S. Bacow, president of Tufts University, endorsed the so-called Dream Act, which is currently pending in the U.S Senate. If passed, this federal legislation would allow unauthorized immigrant students to apply for legal residency in the U.S. Without legal residency, these students are ineligible to work or apply for government financial aid. Presidents at Harvard, Brown, Stanford and other universities have also endorsed this act.

Middlebury College

Middlebury College is currently developing an online language program for secondary school students with K12 Inc, a technology-based education company in Virginia. K12 offers online public-school programs in 25 states and Washington, D.C. in partnership with charter schools and school districts. Middlebury expects to invest $4 million in this venture for a 40 percent stake in what will become Middlebury Interactive Languages.

The first courses offered will start this summer with beginning French and Spanish for high school students. Ronald D. Liebowitz, president of Middlebury, believes that the price for a course will be around $100. The online courses will try to provide students with an immersion experience by using animation, music and videos, and.

The course materials also boast that "students will have access to qualified language instructors, native or near-native speakers of the language, as well as other students participating in the course."

MIDDLEBURY TRINITY TUFTS WESLEYAN WILLIAMS

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proceedings. According to Diann Lynch of the Student Health Center, no Hamilton emergency medical technicians have responded to a burn call this semester. While Lynch could not comment on the specifics of this case due to New York State law, it is clear that the student was not treated by Hamilton Emergency Medical Services. McBride said that the pledge who was injured will not face any sanction from the fraternity.

"Hazing will not be tolerated"

According to Thompson, the embers incident constituted hazing because it was society-sponsored, dangerous and there was implicit coercion in the event. The "implicit coercion" stemmed from the fact that many of the fraternity brothers were walking across the embers.

Even if no pledge was explicitly forced to walk across the embers, Thompson said, the brothers' participation could make a pledge could feel pressured. This view is based on the College's position on hazing, which states that "Hazing behaviors include...[actions taken] either directly or indirectly, of membership, advancement, or good standing in a College-recognized organization."

As a result of the hazing, the Dean of Students' office suspended TDX for the rest of this semester and all of next year. According to Thompson, for the 2010-2011 school year the fraternity is prohibited from use of "the College's name, use of the College mail system, reservation and use of on-campus social and meeting space," and other College facilities. TDX may not sponsor any parties off-campus during this time. In addition, the fraternity is not permitted to have a pledge class in the 2010-2011 academic year.

Current pledges (from the 2009-2010 year) will be considered brothers in TDX, even though they will not complete the pledging process this spring. Thompson allowed these pledges to become brothers because she wanted to give TDX a "strong base" upon its return to campus.

The fraternity's return will occur during the 2011-2012 academic year. Upon returning, TDX will be put on probation for the year. During the probationary period, the College will work with the local charge of TDX and the national organization to revamp the pledging process. (TDX refers to its on-campus groups as "charges," not "chapters.") The fraternity will be permitted to accept new pledges during its probationary period in a process coordinated with the College. Until the fraternity is off probation, it "may not sponsor social events on or off campus," according to Thompson. As a result of the suspension and subsequent probation, TDX will not be hosting any parties for the next two years.

Thompson noted that throughout the process TDX has been "very cooperative." However, she decided to suspend TDX because she wanted to make a clear statement that hazing will not be tolerated. "I want to clamp down on any activity...that endangers the health or safety of any student," she said. In her e-mail regarding the suspension, Thompson said that the College will soon begin conducting its first review of the pledge period since 1995.

In addition to the sanctions imposed on the fraternity, the leadership of TDX was sanctioned in Judicial Board proceedings. The President of TDX has been suspended for the 2010 fall semester. He will be permitted to remain on campus for the remainder of the spring 2010 semester. The Vice President received eight points.

A campus divided

A number of people on campus with a connection to the incident were asked for comment. Thompson had no comment on the matter beyond clarifying the statements in her e-mail to the campus. TDX has about a dozen brothers on the men's lacrosse team; however, Coach Scott Barnard had no comment when asked about the incident. The current leadership of TDX had no comment on the issue but provided background information.

The Spectator put out a survey Wednesday, April 21 asking students about their views of Greek organizations on campus. There were 344 responses to the survey in the 12 hours the survey was open. Of the respondents, 114 (33.1 percent) identified as a member of a Greek society; this is comparable to Hamilton's overall rate of Greek participation.

Seventeen respondents had a "very negative view" of Greek society, and another 40 had a "negative" view. The plurality of responses (159; 46 percent) expressed mixed feelings about Greek life, noting that there were "both positive and negative" aspects to Greek life.

Students' opinions on hazing differed greatly. Some expressed frustration with non-Greeks who comment on hazing; one student said "Hazing is a complex topic. Unless you are a member of a Greek organization, you will likely not understand the true meaning and purpose of what goes on during a society's initiation procedure."

Other students expressed indifference towards hazing, citing the freedom of individuals to make their own choices. One wrote, "the people who get 'hazed' are all legal adults. They know the difference between right and wrong! If they feel that they are being asked to do something that they know is wrong, they should not do it. We are all adults and should not have to deal with the suffocation of the school's administration."

Many students doubted the value of hazing. One asked, "Would a true friend make you do it?"

A more detailed sample of the responses to the survey will be featured in next week's issue of *The Spectator*.

Student Assembly Update

by Eve Denton '12
Student Assembly Correspondent

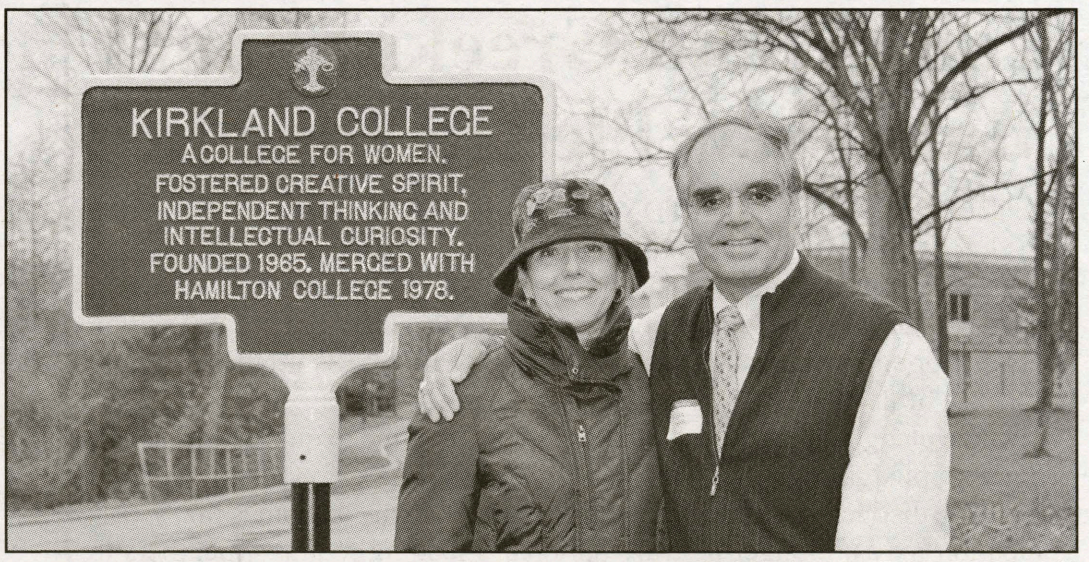
Members Express Concern Over C&C Day Bans on Containers, Large Groups

At the April 19 Student Assembly meeting, the discussion continued regarding how to make Class & Charter a safe and fun day for all involved. Although the Alcohol Coalition appreciated the Assembly's suggestions, they felt it was too late in the year to implement many of them. However, if currently planned activities such as the concert go smoothly this year, a student activities committee will be formed for next year's Class & Charter Day.

For this year's Class & Charter Day, no containers will be allowed anywhere outside or in public buildings on campus, with the exception of special water bottles that will be made available by the College. In addition, no large group gatherings will be allowed, such as ones in the past that occurred at the Griffin Road apartments or behind Eells House residence hall. Campus Safety will determine what constitutes a "large group gathering."

Several members of the Assembly raised objections to the container policy. One stated that she felt the ban on containers was not environmentally friendly and came at an odd time as Hamilton is trying to implement the HEAG red mug program. Another member feared that the ban would lead to further binge drinking in the privacy of dorm rooms rather than controlled drinking throughout the day. A third member brought up feelings that the policy is unfair since plenty of students who simply want to have a bottle of water during the day may be unable to do so.

The Alcohol Coalition is hopeful that this approach to Class & Charter Day will make it safer, while still allowing for fun.



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Susan Skerritt K'77, P'11 and Dick Tantillo, vice president of communications and development, with the new Kirkland College sign that was unveiled on Volunteer Weekend.

Alumni Pay Visit for GOLD Summit, Volunteer Weekend

by Arianne Bergman '13
News Writer

Recent alumni flooded Hamilton this weekend for the Graduates of the Last Decade (GOLD) Summit and Spring Volunteer Weekend.

The summit focused heavily on networking, giving students an opportunity to talk to alumni in their field of interest.

"I've truly learned so much more from these alumni than I have from any of the books I've read. They'll honestly tell you the pros, the cons, what sorts of everyday tasks they are required to do, etc.," said Lauren "Lennie" Specht '11. "The GOLD Summit is just another way to connect undergrads with alumni to make the transfer from college to the 'real world' as smooth as possible."

Spring Volunteer Weekend was full of open houses, tours, student performances and sports games. Like the GOLD Summit, it included several mixers for alumni and students.

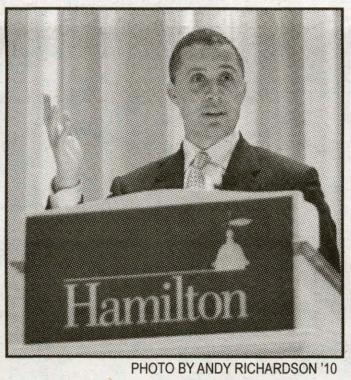
"All the alumni – both Kirkland and Hamilton – were friendly and eager to talk about Hamilton, both then and now. I really enjoyed meeting all the alumni and it was nice to see how enthusiastic they remain about Hamilton even 20, 30 or 40 years down the road," said Caitlin Lavin '10.

GOLD is an organization comprised of alumni of the past 10 years, and is one of the United States' oldest organizations for recent graduates. Young alumni make up nearly a quarter of Hamilton's alumni population, and as such, provide significant support for Hamilton.

In addition to their annual summit, GOLD funds one Hamilton student as a GOLD Scholar for every $15,000 donated by recent alumni; selection is based on financial need and performance both in and out of the classroom. To date, there are 25 GOLD Scholars.

Former Congressman Harold Ford Jr. Discusses Challenges Facing America

by Adam Fix '13
News Writer



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Harold Ford Jr. speaks in the Chapel on April 21.

What is the greatest responsibility of citizens of a democracy? Harold Ford Jr., former United States Congressman from Tennessee's 9th district, addressed this and other issues on Wednesday, April 21 as part of the Voices of Color lecture series in the Chapel.

Describing himself as a moderate Democrat, Ford focused his lecture on the immense importance of listening to and understanding varying ideas and points of view in a democracy. Referring to the extreme partisan divide in Washington, he declared that the people and politicians of America need to "find ways to work together, understand where we differ and appreciate where we agree."

Ford pointed out three main challenges facing the current generation of college students in America: the two Middle-East wars, global economic competition and the waning of the American Dream, which Ford described as "under siege" by an increasing dissatisfaction in the potential of America to solve problems and provide for its people.

Speaking on the core institution of the United States, he asserted, "the great challenge in democracy is to foster real substantive and informative conversation," and it is everyone's responsibility to educate themselves on current issues and understand the viewpoint of all sides in a political argument.

Although a Democrat, Ford disagreed with certain party positions while running for office and emphasized the importance for every American to listen to all opinions of all people in the country. Ford, who succeeded his father as Congressman, detailed the course of his campaign, describing his first invited speech at a kindergarten graduation as the event that humanized him and transform him into a real candidate.

Based on his experience in Washington, he stressed that Democrats need to realize that there must be caps on spending, and Republicans must understand that some spending will always be necessary.

When asked about political reform he would advocate, Ford suggested that both major parties utilize open primary systems to more easily allow any candidate to run and redraw district lines so they no longer favor party voting. Above all, he continually encouraged voters to listen to all opinions and give all people a voice.

Ford concluded his lecture by underlining the need for "a new kind of politics," unshackled from strict party allegiance, to tackle the pressing issues of the day.

College Officials Offer Concert, HamTrek as Alternatives to Drinking on C&C Day

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on hand should they once again have to respond to multiple calls at one time.

In addition to supplying additional personnel, the Hamilton administration is targeting what it believes to be the two main causes of injuries on Class & Charter Day: binge drinking and large public gatherings. Dean of Students Nancy Thompson said the College wants to help students celebrate in "fun, reasonable and safe ways."

Lisa Magnarelli '96, assistant dean of students for campus life and director of student activities, said that by "limiting where and how alcohol can be consumed, and providing alternative activities, we are hoping to encourage students to make healthier choices."

In recent years, the administration has tried to limit acute intoxication by enforcing Hamilton's open container policy, which stipulates that no one may have an open container of alcohol in public spaces.

Thompson said that the open container policy's enforcement was not enough to significantly impact sobriety on campus because "it seemed that students were drinking hard alcohol in Nalgene containers. So, this year, we are going to implement the policy of only allowing the water bottles we are handing out for free."

Students will first be asked to dump empty containers, and only if they do not comply will Campus Safety request names.

Lynch said, "Obviously, we just don't want people to get hurt, and injuries happen when they are intoxicated."

Besides acute intoxication, the other main cause of Class & Charter Day injuries is the tradition of large outdoor parties. Before last year's Class & Charter Day, Thompson made it clear that the tradition of parties outside the Griffin Road apartments (G Road) would no longer be permitted. "Students would bring their own alcohol [to the apartment lawns] and it would turn into a big party – too big to be safe," Thompson said.

Like many other students, Boddorff had a different sentiment about the G Road parties. "It makes me sad [that the G Road party is no longer allowed] because it was an awesome tradition and great to see the whole community out there together."

With the usual venue off limits, students simply moved last year's main party to the back lawn of Eells House residence hall.

"The behavior was the same," Magnarelli said. "Underage binge drinking, open containers [and] gross violations of many policies."

Although uncertain about the impact of shutting down the G Road party, Assistant Director of Campus Safety Wayne Gentile feels that HamTrek, a sprint triathlon, has been successful in tempering the campus by diverting some students' celebratory energy into friendly competition. "HamTrek has been huge," Gentile said. "There has been a lot of great participation by the athletes and everyone so I really think that it has made a difference."

In part to provide another alternative to drinking, Magnarelli has arranged for the band Passion Pit to play a concert on campus as part of the day's entertainment. The administration hopes that this organized event will lead students to spend time outside in public areas without drinking. An outside security firm will be on site (on either the football or turf field) to help Campus Safety, both with crowd control and ensuring that students do not drink at the concert.

The administration hopes that the enforcement of the open container policy, along with deterrence of large gatherings and several outdoor entertainment opportunities will encourage safe student behavior while celebrating. As Thompson summed up the new approach, "We don't want to take the fun away from the day, just the chaos and potential for injury."

College and Greeks Should Make New Pledge Together

The recent suspension of TDX has brought to light some concerns about the Greek community. Many students would agree that Greek societies play both a positive and negative role on campus. Although pledging is rooted in decades-old traditions, this incident demonstrates that there is a distinction between good traditions and bad traditions. No action is infallible simply by virtue of its history.

Once pledging begins, a student is free at any time to quit. In this sense, all acts of pledging are "voluntary." However, it is no secret that at the point where the distinction between "pledging" and "hazing" becomes fuzzy, participation may no longer be truly optional. Pledging requires members to commit on a level that is difficult to regulate, making it impossible to evaluate individual responsibility.

Hazing can mean different things to different people. There is a fine and disputed line between productive bonding activities and dangerous hazing. Both the law and college policy fail to do more than vaguely define hazing and are therefore difficult to follow or enforce. However, there are requirements of the current pledging process that are without a doubt "morally degrading or humiliating." While some things will never be agreed upon as "hazing," there are actions that are clearly in violation of the guidelines. The task lies with those who are already members to decide where to draw that line.

If the administration is unable to establish a clear policy, we cannot expect that the societies will easily decide on one themselves. The best way for the administration and student body to proceed from this point is to work with members of the Greek community to decide where the *real* line can be drawn between pledging and hazing—and to ensure that both administration and societies follow through on this decision.

At this junction, many organizations have already begun to evaluate their initiation processes, and we applaud them for this. This is a crucial time for members of Greek life to reexamine how they currently operate and how they want to operate in the future.

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Where is the Love? Relationships (or Lack Thereof) at Hamilton

by Rebecca Pomerantz
Features Writer

According to the February HamPoll survey (which questioned students about their love and sex lives), the gist of the April 10 "Relationship 101" seminar and general student consensus, "hookups" seem to prevail over long-term relationships at Hamilton.

"Many people that I talk to during a day are engaged in hooking up rather than in committed relationships," noted David Walden, Ph.D., a counselor at the College. The HamPoll survey similarly reported that 70 percent of participants found it easier to find a casual, short-term relationship than a long-term, more serious one. The reasons for this, however, are not quite clear.

Walden attributes this sulture to a number of factors including "the modern era of quick, superficial contact with other human beings through e-mail, texting and social media," the semester calendar where students "aren't on campus for more than ten or twelve weeks in a row" and Hamilton's residential college system where few people live off campus.

When asked if there are enough opportunities for dating on campus, 54 percent of students surveyed responded that they felt at a loss for activities. Sarah Kelley '12 agreed that there seem to be a lot of "single-oriented events" on campus, noting "Most people go to acoustic coffeehouses and concerts with a group of friends. You wouldn't ask a date."

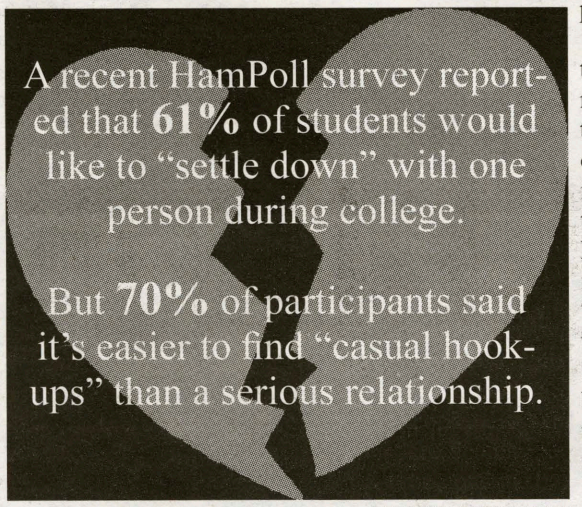
Similarly, Amina Sibtain '11 said, "One doesn't go to a Bundy party to find a husband or boyfriend. That's just stupid."

On the other hand, senior Devin Farkas said, "There are plenty of activities. If you want to go on a date with someone go to a free concert in Wellin and then go to the free movie theater (KJ, or any academic room with a projector)."

One way in which to analyze the dating scene is to look at those students involved in clubs, sports and organizations on campus. Interestingly, the HamPoll found that students who are on varsity sports teams are 18 percent more likely to be in long-distance relationships than those who are not on teams. Additionally, Greek students are 13 percent more likely to be in relationships than non-Greek students, "Darkside" students are 13 percent more likely than "Lightsiders" and students who maintain a high GPA are 9 percent more likely.

Walden, though, believes that perhaps the biggest factor contributing to the dominant hookup scene is discomfort with interpersonal intimacy. Often, he said, students "almost don't know what to do with themselves when relating to someone on that level. I'll suggest to clients that they go out on a date such as dinner and a movie or coffee at Opus and some will react in horror as if they could never engage like that with another human being."

Oftentimes, though, these same people will be willing to have sex with someone they have never had a decent conversation with. In the February HamPoll, 58 percent of students responded that they see casual sex as acceptable, while only 36 percent said they were not comfortable with it.


A recent HamPoll survey reported that 61% of students would like to "settle down" with one person during college.
But 70% of participants said it's easier to find "casual hookups" than a serious relationship.
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"I think our age is what contributes to this. We're all young, wanna have fun and are interested in our peers and sex. Sometimes our interest in each other is more than our interest in sex (leading to serious relationships), sometimes more in sex than each other (leading to random hookups) and sometimes a happy medium (leading to casual dating)" observed Farkas.

One possible explanation for the rise of hookups and the decline of relationships is a culture shift on the part of our generation. This culture includes the driven, young individual (both male and female) with higher career aspirations heading out of college. "There has been a shift away from pursuing close relationships with other people…in favor of pursuing individualistic goals, careers and success," said Walden. "We cannot ignore the fact that so much of our energy is devoted to individualistic pursuits at the expense of exploring and enjoying the potential of relating to other people," he added.

It seems that oftentimes the culture shift is also manifested in a loss of intimacy and interpersonal communication between individuals, giving rise to hookups. Regarding her generation's loss of intimacy, Kelley said "Many people are afraid to put themselves on the line and this is facilitated by excessive drinking which acts as a means of self-handicapping."

Part of the culture shift is also the longer acceptable time-span for finding a spouse. Whereas college used to be viewed as a time to find a "life partner," students now more than ever are just looking for education and fun.

"I think more people start looking for a life partner towards the senior year if at all…I think most people here feel like college won't be the last time to find a partner," said Farkas.

While a hookup culture may be dominant on campus, it does not mean that relationships or the desire for relationships do not exist. In fact, of the percent of the campus surveyed by HamPoll, 61 percent would like to settle down with one person during college. 43 percent report to be in a relationship and 51 percent of those in relationships have been in that relationship for at least a year. So why, then, do HamPoll results show that students find "short-term relationships easier to attain than long-term relationships?"

One reason may be the apparent social differences between the sexes which seem to become clearer with regard to relationships. "My impression is that heterosexual men on campus are far more likely to be okay with casual sexual contact and far more likely to pursue that on an ongoing basis than a more serious relationship" said Walden.

He suggested, however, that men desire relationships just as much as women but are afraid to show it. Likewise, Kelley said, "I think guys want relationships as much as girls do, but they don't admit it."

Whether or not hookup prominence is a negative fixture of the Hamilton campus is still open to debate. While some, like Sibtain, find it "emotionally unhealthy," many feel differently.

"I think the dating/hookup scene should be seen as fun and nothing more," said Farkas. Advising his peers, he added, "Go out and meet some people… maybe you'll make a better friend than you thought you would in the process."

"Everything is an experience to learn from," agreed Kelley. "There's nothing wrong with [the hookup culture]. You don't know where you are going to go after the Hill so you might as well gain interpersonal experience here [at Hamilton." So who's ready for the next Bundy party?

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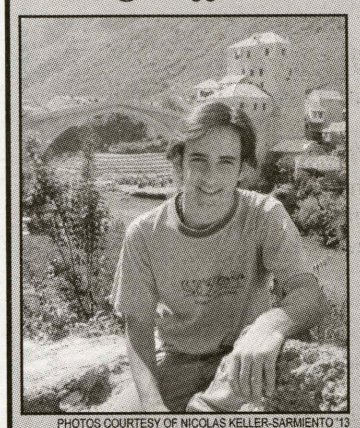
The Beauty of Being Different


PHOTOS COURTESY OF NICOLAS KELLER-SARMIENTO '13

by Nicolas Keller Sarmiento '13
Features Contributor

How do we recognize international students here at Hamilton? Is it their accent? Is it their exotic passports? Or their foreign mysterious hometowns? Is it their naïve lack of comprehension of what "tear jerking," "crowd surfing" and "fist pumping" mean? Or is it maybe their skin colour? (And yes, I was taught to write "colour" the British way).

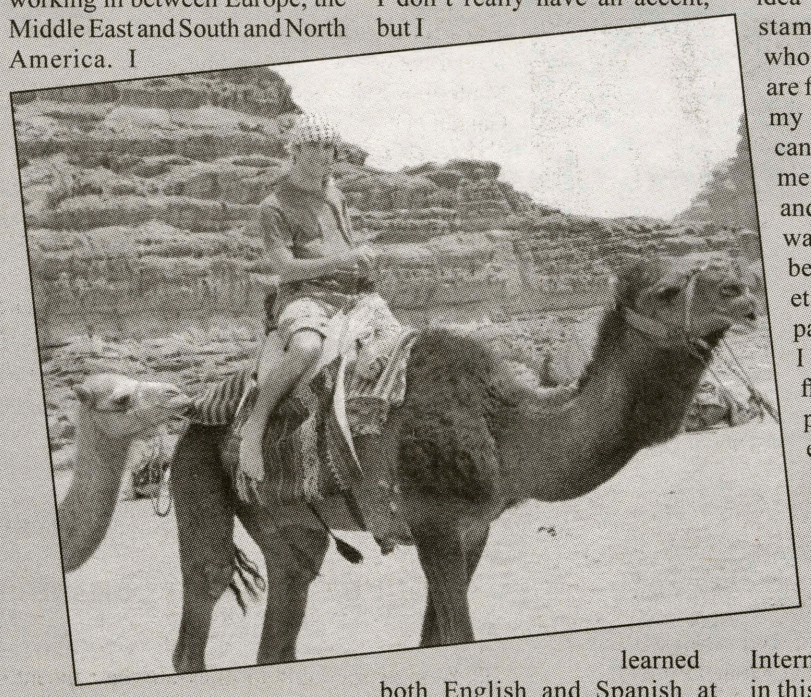
I would like to inform you that there is no unique way of spotting international students on campus. They are everywhere. One of them might even be sitting next to you right now!

Why do I know this, you might ask? Well, I am one of them. Many of you could consider me an "undercover" international. So to all those who aren't sure where to place me, it's time you know the truth: my name is Nicolas Keller Sarmiento '13, and I am an international student.

I was born on May 19th, 1990 in New York to an Indian-born mother and a German-born father. Soon after I'd be living in various European cities before settling in Argentina as a chubby, adventurous toddler.

Sometimes I think it would be easier if I'd say: "I was born at the age of three in Buenos Aires, Argentina," but that wasn't the case.

I attended a Scottish school in the suburbs of Buenos Aires from 1993 to 2007. Upon finishing my high school degree, I applied to Hamilton and got rejected. I decided to take a year off and spent the following year and a half living, studying, traveling and working in between Europe, the Middle East and South and North America. I



then reapplied to Hamilton College, and this time, I got the big envelope.

The funny thing is that I was accepted at Hamilton as an American student because I only had an American passport at the moment (I only have Argentine residency). Does that make me American? I never really considered myself American. Well, I don't really have an accent, but I learned both English and Spanish at the same time. I love watching American movies, but I also love my Argentine telenovelas. I have a native Argentine, Italian, German and Spanish blood. I have dual citizenship (American and Italian), but I call Buenos Aires my home. What does that make me?

It makes me myself. I am not a label. I don't like the idea of little booklets with stamps on them deciding who you are and where you are from. Argentina has been my home since as long as I can remember. Its food fed me, its weather cheered me, and its people loved me. I was raised in a land of good beef, even better wine, poetic music and good company. And no matter where I am, Argentine blood is flowing through my veins, pumping passion into my existence.

You probably couldn't tell that I am international behind my American accent, my Abercrombie & Fitch shirt and my white skin. But I am. Internationals are everywhere in this college. It's just a matter of opening up to someone new, someone maybe different, but ultimately someone from whom you can learn and to whom you can teach.

LAST TEAM STANDING: TRIVIA NIGHT 2010

Trivia Night is held every Tuesday from 8:00-10:00 in the Little Pub and is presided over by Paul Ryan, Dave Eng, and Lisa Magnarelli. Teams of 5 or fewer members answer a broad range of questions and compete for Tex-Mex gift cards (weekly prize), T-shirts (monthly prize), a trophy (semester prize), and pride.

#1 Dickens Cider Box

Scott Ryan '11, James Hogan '11, Greg Kreitzer '11, Jeremy Brenner '10

"Win, always."

Experts in: Everything but animals and Scrabble.

Favorite Trivia Night Moment: The dynasty that is Dickens Cider Box (also Sam McNerney doing flashdance)

Favorite Team Name: Ma and Pa

We do Trivia Night.... To assert our dominance on a weekly, monthly, and yearly basis (also t-shirts, tex-mex, and the cup) It's the best way to spend a Tuesday night.

#9 Sophomore Money More Problems

James Grebey '12, Pat Donn '12, James Kruger '12, Frederique Dupree '12, Hannah Schacter '12

"Win or go home, but try not to be a douche about it."

Favorite Trivia Night Moment: Whenever we know the answer to an obscure question and the other teams do not – it happens a lot.

Favorite Team Name: Our name last year – Freshman Prince of Bel Air

We do Trivia Night... To win. We leave if we're not in the running.

Big Kahuna Burger

Chris Smith '11, Adam Vorchheimer '11, Evan Klondar '11, Danielle Fortier '10

"Take uneducated guesses and shots in the dark week after week until we win Tex-Mex. We seriously love Tex-Mex."

Favorite Trivia Night Moment: Winning Tex-Mex. We weren't kidding, we can't get enough of that stuff.

Experts in: We're really good at the easy ones.

Favorite Team Name: Sarah Palin's Anal Beads, I Motorboated Aretha Franklin and All I Got Was This Stiff Neck.

#3 Downright Offensive

Dylan Wulderk '13, Kayla Safran '13, Nick Sylvester '13, Leah Cairns '13, Evan Van Tassel '13

"We're very competitive – balls out. If we don't place, it kills our spirits until our shot at redemption arrives again."

Favorite Trivia Night Moment: WINNING. We've been the best freshman team all year, but to be the best – even better than Dickens Cider Box – that was AWESOME.

Experts in: Dylan knows U.S. Presidents and sports better than anyone in the world.

We do Trivia Night...
To convince ourselves that Sporcle.com isn't a waste of time.

We Are So High So High So Very High Right Now

Sara Seamen '11, Lexi Nisita '12, Pete Oliver '12, Mike Bieber '12

"Ready to kill."

Favorite Trivia Night Moment: The time we won first place without cheating.

Experts in: Picture round or the half time round.

Favorite Team Name: My Couch Pulls Out, But I Don't and Bartenders, We'll Start Tipping When You Stop Cheating [in reference to the team Tip Your Bartenders].

We do Trivia Night... To win, free Pepsi, the luscious Paul Ryan's voice, and songs by Owl City.

Ma & Pa (pictured above)

Kris Bellona '71, Steve Bellona '73, Rick Decker '67, Sara Miller '12, R.J. Kosineski '12, Anoop Panday '10, Triona Fritch '09, Casey Jones '10

"Sometimes we go for the throat. Other times we don't."

Favorite Team Name: Dickens Cider Box. They're nice guys who never cheat and know their stuff.

We do Trivia Night because... We have so much fun hanging out, despite the age barrier of our "older" members.

Dave Eng, Lisa Magnerelli '96 and Paul Ryan preside over the weekly Trivia Night.

#10 Twitter my Clitter

Brad Caswell '10, Matt Mirandi '10, Ezra Rosenberg '10, Megan Bumb '10, Emily Devaney-Graham '10

"We're in it for a break from the week and to enjoy the company of people we don't always see."

Favorite Trivia Night Moment: Matt Mirandi dressing up in the dance team gold spandex for the Halloween edition.

Experts in: Sports, history, geography, and pop culture.

Favorite Team Name: Sarah Palin's Anal Beads.

We do Trivia Night... Because it's easily the best thing offered at Hamilton by any group.

#13 WERTIMIGHTY (BELOW, LEFT)

Cooper Creagan '13, Meghan Woolley '13, Amanda Berman '13, Will Rusche '13, Luke Schwartz '13

"We're not that intense."

Experts in: History and literature

Favorite Team Name: We're Really Really Sober Right Now, Bro v. Wade, My Wife Can't Wrestle (But You Should See Her Box).

Artificial Head Cheese

Kate Bennert '12, Claire Hunsinger '13, Amelia Mattern '12, Kareen Abdul Jabar '13, Mahatma Gandhi '11

"Win at all costs. Go big or go home."

Favorite Trivia Night Moment: When we won the random fourth prize on the same night we logically figured out the population center of the U.S. using a hand drawn map.

Experts in: Doctors of Taiwan and freckled females.

Favorite Team Name: Twitter My Clitter. The Number of Dead Bodies in Liza Magnarelli's Trunk.

We do Trivia Night... For the babes.

#5 Giant Pandamonium

Sam McNerney '11, Jeremy Safran '11, Allegra Penny '11, Will Brodt '11, Mike Williams '11

"Think hard, drink hard."

Favorite Trivia Night Moment: Winning first last fall and Sam McNerney's flash dance.

Experts in: Geography, presidents, pop culture, sports, and movies.

Favorite Team Name: Morgan Freeman's Freckles.

We do Trivia Night... To win and see Paul Ryan.

#17 Salvador's Deli

Catherine Boyd '12, Ryan Karerata '12, Ben Trachtman '12, Ben Li '13, Drew Libin '12, Julia Goldstein '12, Tyler Roberts '12

"Go big or go home."

Favorite Trivia Night Moment: Guessing that cats have 18 toes to win Trivia Night (the whole thing!)

Experts in: Geography. Catherine Prefers Art and Indie Rock and Gas Station Trivia.

Favorite Team Name: Morgan Freeman's Freckles, We'll Start Tipping When You Stop Cheating, Twitter My Clitter

We do Trivia Night... Because it's more fun than doing homework.

BARACKTOBER FEST

Will Leubsdorf '10, Gillian Jackson '10, Mandy Bowman '10, Julian Brody '10, Jeremy Wattles (COOP)

"Game face."

Favorite Trivia Night Moment:
When Will dressed up as FDR or when he hit his head on the table to illustrate the concept of "dropping dead."

Experts in: Presidents and pop culture.

Favorite Team Name: We'll Start Tipping When You Stop Cheating

We do Trivia Night because... We're obsessed. We're good at it.

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Students Celebrate Earth Day by Buying Local at Green Week's Farmer's Market

by Rebecca Shields '13
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Green Week was this week and many people were wondering what they could have done to help the environment. One easy thing to do is go to the farmer's market on Martin's Way.

The farmer's market is a way for students at Hamilton to buy local food and other products without having to leave campus.

Now you're probably wondering why this is a part of Green Week and how buying from an artisan at the farmer's market would help the Earth? The farmer's market is a way to reduce carbon in our atmosphere that is adding to green house gases. How? It's because the food and crafts at the farmer's market use less gas in cars or trucks to travel here, reducing the amount of carbon released from exhaust fumes from the vehicles. Most of the food at the market is also organic, reducing the amount of harmful chemicals that we take into our bodies.

You're also probably thinking that this sounds great, but I'm not that big into vegetables and other healthy foods. However, the farmer's market offers a wide variety of foods that are local and good for you. Tom's Natural Foods has a booth at the market that had their famous dried pineapple and trail mixes. Local artisans also sold handcrafted jewelry and stuffed animals. Fresh honey made on a local bee farm was also a major hit this year.

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"The whole point of the farmer's market is to get people to buy local foods," explained Kylie Cameron-Burr '12, vice-president of Hamilton Environmental Action Group (HEAG). "By buying locally, we can reduce the amount of carbon released from trucks transporting produce all over the country to major chains of supermarkets."

HEAG has been organizing Green Week for many years now, and it is their fourth year hosting the farmer's market on campus. "At the beginning of the year, we go down into Clinton to their farmer's market and ask some booths there if they would like to be a part of our farmer's market... once in the fall and once in the spring," explained Cameron-Burr. "Even though the market in the spring doesn't have a lot of produce this time of year, we get people to think about buying local and how easy it can be because most of the people who sell at the farmer's market have shops or their produce in town for people to buy."

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At the farmer's market on Wednesday, I was able to talk with a few vendors about why they come year after year to market, even though there is not always a lot of profit for them. "I like to come here because of the atmosphere. It's just so great to sit outside with the people here [at Hamilton]. It's always a lot of fun and a good way to start out the season," Judy Poccia, who runs the jewelry stand at the market.

Sarah Gamble of the community farm explained "we like to come here because it gets people aware that a lot of the food they eat on campus comes from the community farm that's right here on campus. We want people to start noticing where their food comes from."

Cameron-Burr explained that her friend, who is abroad in Australia right now, buys most of her groceries at her local farmer's market. The amazing thing is that her produce costs for the week are about $2.00. "[My friend] says that there are not a lot of supermarkets and that it's really easy to buy fresh produce on her way home... I would love to see the U.S. move away from our chains of supermarkets and towards more local markets like that one."

The farmer's market not only sells food and hand-made products, like beautiful jewelry and huggable stuffed animals, but also brings awareness to the Hamilton community of how buying local is an easy way to live a low carbon, environmentally friendly lifestyle.

No Impact Man Discusses Living Without a Footprint

by Ben Trachtman '12
SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY EDITOR

Green Week began with a lecture by and discussion with Professor Katheryn Doran of the Philosophy Department. The discussion centered on how to live a green life, specifically the environmental benefits of vegetarianism, how to avoid supporting big agribusiness, and how to encourage the members of the Hamilton community to think about the impact of their food choices.

On Tuesday, HEAG held a screening of *No Impact Man* in the Glen House. The 2009 film documents one family's attempt to eliminate their carbon footprint for a whole year. Colin Beavan and his wife and daughter give up electricity, cars, television and any non-locally grown foods in an effort to be completely environmentally neutral. While the adjustment was difficult at first, the family eventually found that the lifestyle changes they made not only brought them closer to each other, but also benefited their health and fitness as well. Beavan boasts that he lost 20 pounds during the year without going to a gym, while his wife's pre-diabetic conditions subsided after she started to eating natural, healthy foods. The film showed that environmentalism and quality of life are not mutually exclusive—in fact, they often go hand in hand. Beavan keeps a blog about how individuals can reduce their carbon footprint while still maintaining a high quality of life. It can be found at noimpactman.typepad.com.

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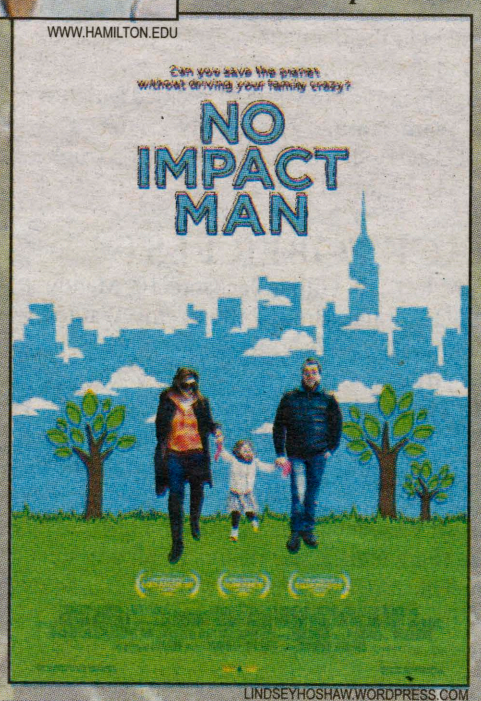

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Remaining Green Week Schedule

Don't Miss the Rest of the Green Week Events:

Thursday:

Low Carbon Diet Day - Lunch in Commons and McEwen

Make Your Green Pledge - Lunch in Commons and McEwen

HEAG's Survey - look for it in your e-mail

Friday:

Campus Clean-up - Groups will be cleaning from 10 a.m. - 12 p.m. and 1 p.m. - 4 p.m.

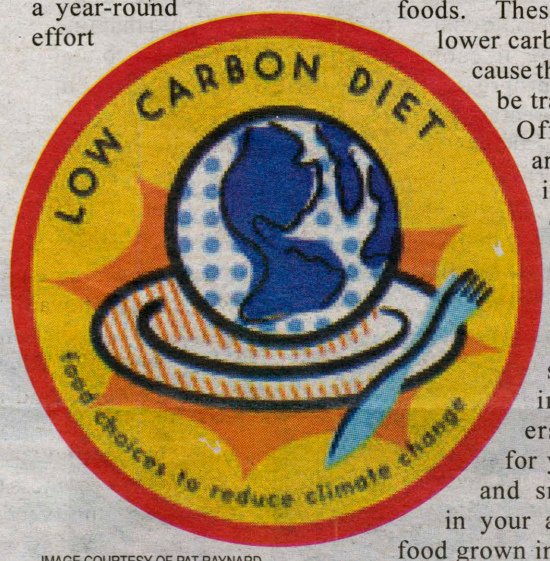
"As more and more people understand what's at stake, they become a part of the solution, and share both in the challenges and opportunities presented by the climate crisis."
Al Gore

Bon Appétit Sponsors Low Carbon Diet Day as Part of the Earth Day and Green Week Events

by Ben Trachtman '12
SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY EDITOR

To celebrate the 40th anniversary of Earth Day, Bon Appétit held a low-carbon diet day aimed at reducing Hamilton's carbon footprint. The food system accounts for about one third of the world's greenhouse gas production, releasing chemicals into the atmosphere during farming and production, transportation of food and disposal.

A typical American diet high in red meat can actually contribute to global warming more than driving an average sedan. Holding one low-carbon diet day is a great step, but a year-round effort could greatly reduce the environmental impact of the food industry. Pat Raynard, general manager of Bon Appétit on campus, provided five tips to help maintain a low-carbon diet.



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The first tip is to not waste food. First, it wastes all the energy and resources consumed by growing, packaging, shipping and cooking it, and second, it will take up space in a landfill and release methane, a greenhouse gas, as it decomposes. Buying and cooking only food you plan on eating is a great way to save money and the environment.

The second tip is to eat mostly seasonal and regional foods. These foods have a lower carbon footprint because they do not need to be transported as far. Off-season fruits are usually flown in from the southern hemisphere, which releases a huge amount of carbon dioxide into the atmosphere. Supporting local farmers is also great for your community and small businesses in your area. However, food grown in greenhouses or with non-renewable resources should be avoided even if they are locally grown.

Beef and cheese products should also be avoided because of the environmental impact of cattle. Livestock are responsible for 18 percent of the world's greenhouse gas emissions. Reducing the amount of these products in your diet will greatly help to lower your carbon footprint. Going vegetarian or vegan can help even more.

Be careful of "fresh" produce or seafood, because this usually means the product has been frozen and flown a long distance. Transporting food by air releases ten times more carbon emissions than transporting it by ship. Again, buying produce or seafood from local sources is the best alternative, but keep an eye out for seafood that has been "processed and frozen at sea." This label means that it has a much lower carbon footprint than other "fresh" seafood, and usually tastes better anyway.

Finally, avoid processed or packaged foods. It takes a lot of energy and releases a significant amount of greenhouse gases to prepare, box, freeze and transport these products, and they are usually loaded with unhealthy and unnatural chemicals and preservatives, as well as calories. Instead, snack on a piece of locally grown fruit, nuts or a homemade alternative. These are better for the environment and your body.

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IS MY CHEESEBURGER CAUSING GLOBAL WARMING?
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LOW CARBON DIET DAY
Earth Day
Thursday, April 22nd - Lunch/Dinner
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Changing over to a low-carbon diet isn't just better for the environment - it's better for you, too. Opting for smaller portions and only buying food that you know you will eat can save you a surprising amount of money. Avoiding processed foods full of preservatives and high in empty calories can help you stay healthy, especially if you eat a piece of fruit instead.

Buying locally grown produce helps support your local community, and because many small farms are organic, you can avoid pesticides and other chemicals that can harm both you and the environment. The giant food corporations in the world usually only have their bottom line in mind, even at the expense of your health or the environment. Keeping an eye on what you eat can make for a happier, healthier and more eco-friendly lifestyle.

Hamilton Reduces Carbon Footprint by 370 Tons

by Ben Trachtman '12
SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY EDITOR

Hamilton has been aggressively pursuing an environmentally friendly and sustainable building practices, and the results are starting to show. Associate Vice President for Facilities and Planning Steve Bellona released a statement showing that Hamilton has saved approximately 370 metric tons of carbon dioxide over the past year. Of that, 125 metric tons were saved as a result of building projects, while 245 metric tons were saved by reducing building temperatures over the winter. Furthermore, the college expects to save about 690 metric tons of carbon dioxide through several projects this summer.

In the past year, the college has upgraded several buildings to make them more environmentally friendly. Both Spencer and Skenandoa Houses were Energy Star certified, indicating that they meet several energy-saving requirements. In addition, six other residence halls, Carnegie, Kirkland, North, South, Woolcott and Wertimer, are now eligible for Energy Star certification. The Kirner-Johnson building was also LEED certified at the Gold level, representing that it is not only energy-efficient but is also built on a sustainable site and made with eco-friendly materials, among other factors.

Projects slated for this summer are expected to save even more energy. While the asbestos is being removed from Bundy Residence Halls, the insulation will be replaced and upgraded. This improvement should save approximately 30,000 kilowatt-hours of electricity annually. The heating and air conditioning systems in the Science Center will be renovated, which should save 730,000 kilowatt-hours per year. The lighting systems will also be replaced in Burke Library, the Scott Field House and the Alumni Gym. These renovations should save 455,000 kilowatt-hours every year, or 206 metric tons of carbon dioxide. It's amazing what a change in lighting can do for the school's carbon footprint.

Several improvements are also being made to reduce the college's consumption of natural gas. The renovations over the past year should save about 6,970,000 cubic feet of natural gas per year, which is a result of reducing building temperatures during the winter, refining the heating system in the Science Center and improving the insulation in South Residence Hall.

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The college is being very active when it comes to updating, upgrading and renovating buildings in order to save energy as well as money. The newer buildings were either constructed to be highly energy-efficient, like the Kirner-Johnson building, or are already being upgraded to be maximally efficient, like the Science Building. The administration is clearly aware of Hamilton's impact on the environment and is doing everything it can to be as eco-friendly as possible. These actions are not only in light of Earth Day, but are rather part a year-round process aimed at a continual improvement of the college's facilities.

Pledge To Go Veg

by Heag
and Ben Trachtman '12
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This year's Green Pledge focuses on increasing students' awareness of the environmental impact of the foods they eat. Pledging to eat vegetarian for even just one meal can make a difference.

This Earth Day, join the Hamilton community in making a difference by making the pledge. Stop by HEAG's table outside of Commons or McEwen during lunch on Thursday, April 22 to pledge one meal, the whole day, a week or beyond. Even if you can't make it to the table, you can still make an impact by considering the following next time you decide what to get at commons:

- Growing food needed to feed livestock takes up 80 percent of the United States' agricultural land as well as nearly half of its water supply.

- Eating vegetarian meals one day a week saves about the same amount of carbon dioxide released by driving a car 1160 miles. Replacing red meat with chicken, fish or eggs once a week can reduce your carbon footprint by as much carbon as would be released by driving 760 miles.

- Even though the global meat industry is only responsible for six percent of the world's carbon dioxide emissions, it is also responsible for 65 percent of nitrous oxide emissions. Nitrous oxide is 296 times more potent as a greenhouse gas than carbon dioxide.

- One study has shown that vegetarians spend 20 percent less money on food and have one sixth of the greenhouse gas emissions of carnivores.

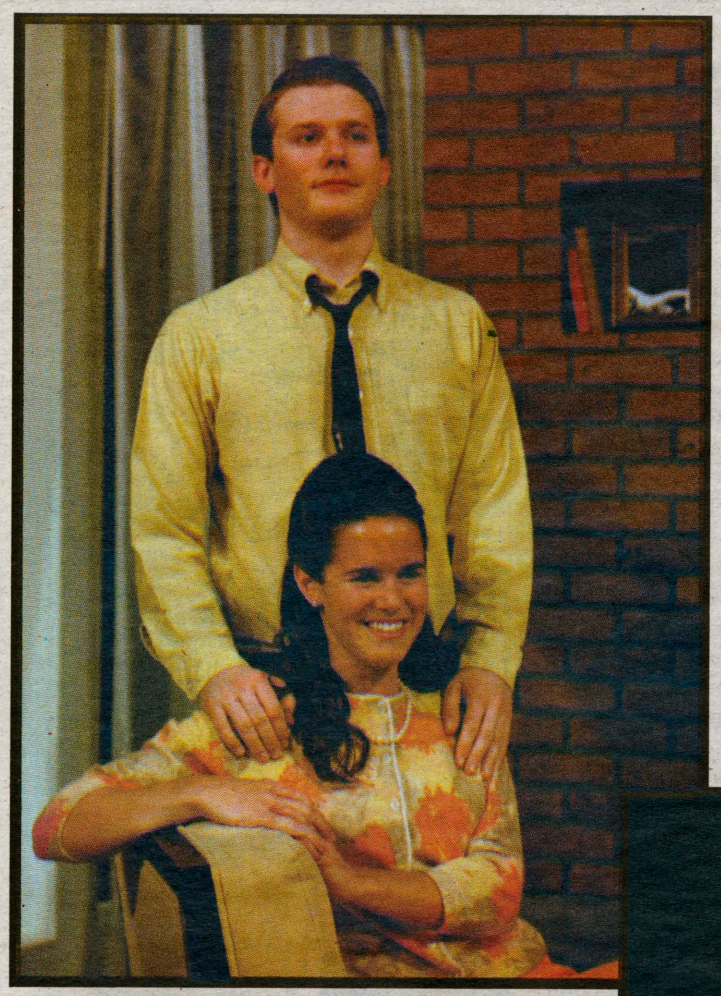
- Processed food packaging accounts for about 60 pounds of carbon dioxide per person, per year. The plastic used also clogs landfills and will not biodegrade for thousands of years.

- Producing one pound of meat emits the same amount of greenhouse gasses as driving an SUV 40 miles.

- It takes up to 16 lbs of grain to produce only 1lb of meat.

- You can save more water by not eating one lb of beef than by not showering for an entire year.

- The livestock sector generates more greenhouse gas emissions than all transportation combined.



A Doll's House

Theatre Department presents a new take on an Ibsen classic

by Kate Tummarello '11
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

Nora Helmer is the original Stepford wife. In Henrick Ibsen's *A Doll's House*, Nora discovers the complexities of her relationship to her husband Torvald and her relationships to those around her before coming to the realization that she has been merely a doll in a dollhouse.

Diana Stern was captivating as Nora Helmer in the Hamilton Theatre Department's production of *A Doll's House*, directed by Professor Craig Latrell. Within two and a half hours, I was convinced by her performance as it ranged from money-hungry ditz to an anxious, deceptive wife to a changed, independence-seeking woman. I started out hating her character and ended up rooting for her.

As Kristine Linde, Shelley Hoy aptly treaded the line between feminine agency and dependency, leading the audience to question the appropriate role of women.

While the female characters became likeable as the play progressed, the male characters became less so, thanks to impressive performances from James Greisler as Torvald Helmer, Juan S. Hurtado as Niels Krogstad and Rouvan Mahmud as Dr. Rank. Torvald, Niels and Dr. Rank all became infuriating, pathetic, or some combination of the two during the performance.

The visual aspects of the production were nothing short of stunning. Somehow, the designers and production staff effectively turned Minor Theatre into the set of Mad Men, taking the audience back to 1964.

The visuals only added to the contrast between a play written in 1879, a production set in 1964 and an audience from 2010. As an audience member, it was very easy to get distracted with questions of time period. Would that line be a realistic thing for a woman to say? How about in 1964? In 1879?

To travel back in time and watch stereotypes be defined, reinforced and then imploded, see A Doll's House, April 22 through 24 at 8 p.m. in Minor Theatre.

Above, Diana Stern '10 and James Greisler '10, who play Nora and Torvald in *A Doll's House*. Below right, Stern and Shelly Hoy '10 who plays Nora's friend Mrs. Linde.

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Morning Benders Set The Wrong Tone In Opus

by Taylor Coe '13
ARTS AND ENTERTAINMENT EDITOR

The Freelance Whales, a charming indie quintet from Brooklyn, opened the acoustic IMF concert on Sunday night with their brand of Arcade-Fire influenced chamber pop. Armed with their harmonium, glockenspiel and watering can, among other instruments, the five members raced through an eight-song set. If the band's colorful instrumentation was not enough to win me over, then the endearing absurdity of Judah Dadone's lyrics earned my affection. "You caught me sleeping in the power sockets," the entire band exhorted during "Ghosting," in the midst of banjos and glockenspiels.

Hamilton's own Jonathan Wu '13, performing under the moniker Clementine Is My Sunshine, went onstage after the Freelance Whales. Wu played four original songs, including "On One Spot" and "Mong Kok" off his record A Plunge Into The Sea, before turning the Opus I stage over to the Morning Benders.

Hailing from Berkeley, California, the Morning Benders play a hazy indie rock descended directly from indie giant Grizzly Bear. (Chris Taylor, Grizzly Bear's bassist, shares production credits on Big Echo, the Benders' last release.) But while the atmospheric tunes of the Freelance Whales suited Opus I, the jangling rock of the Morning Benders felt a little at odds with the concert space.

PHOTO BY: NICOLAS KELLER SARAMIENTO '13

The Freelance Whales rock out in Opus I before the Morning Benders.

Leaving the concert last Sunday night, I could not help but feel that some acts are simply unsuccessful playing in Opus I. While jazz combos and acoustic performances (Freelance Whales and Clementine Is My Sunshine) indisputably feel at home in Opus, the Morning Benders seemed mismatched with the space. As the band plugged in, lead singer Christopher Wu urged the audience to get on their feet and come up to the stage. The inhabitants of couches and chairs uneasily stood and crowded up to the mikes in the front.

But Christopher Wu's attempt to turn the coffeehouse space into a rock venue fell somewhat short. Opus I, filled to capacity for the Freelance Whales' set, slowly emptied as the Benders plowed through tracks off of Big Echo. Portions of the remaining audience seemed to enjoy the change in pace from the previously relaxed vibe, although other onlookers hung on to their seats and listened to the music uneasily.

Despite my complaint, I have no qualms with the Morning Benders as a musical act. The Berkeley-based band extended a passionate and energetic performance—a show that simply felt out of place in Opus I. Clementine Is My Sunshine and the Freelance Whales did not reach any difficult truth that evaded the Morning Benders; they simply managed to fill the space that the Benders did not.

Chainsaws and Dylan: Folk Is Still Alive and Well

by Taylor Coe '13
ARTS AND ENTERTAINMENT EDITOR

Amber Rubarth did not plan on a musical career. At age 17, Rubarth moved to Carson City, Nevada and began a chainsaw wood sculpting apprenticeship. The apprenticeship—originally planned to last a few months—stretched into three years, at which point the craftsman who had been training her took her aside and told her that it was her duty to do what she was most passionate about. "He gave me permission to do what I really wanted to do," said Rubarth of the experience. What she really wanted to do was music; with a childhood of piano lessons under her belt, she picked up the guitar and began writing music.

Rubarth, however, has not forgotten her woodworking roots. Asked to cite any connection that she felt between the musical and woodcraft disciplines, Rubarth offered her song "Rough Cut" as an example. "The song," she explained, "is from the wood's point of view as it's being carved." The song—one of Rubarth's compositions on the piano—begins with the pain and loss felt by the wood as it is being sculpted but climaxes with the revelation that the painful process has shaped the wood into art and thus into something beautiful. Rubarth extends the same outlook toward her own life, offering the idea that "the hardest things in life make you who you are."

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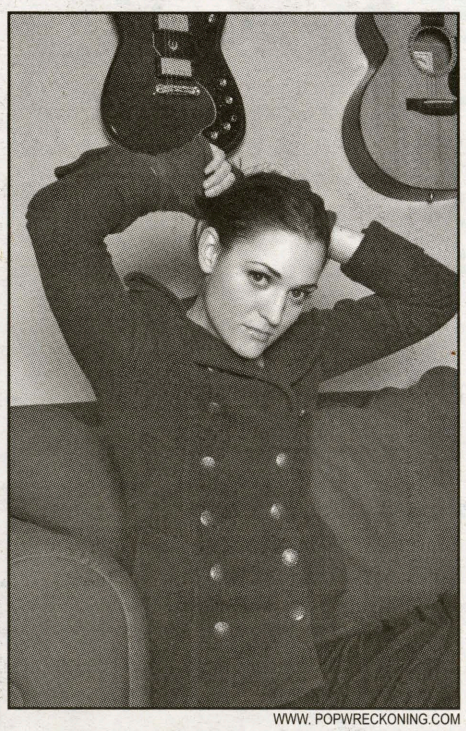
Joe Purdy, Arkansas native and Dylan acolyte, wowed the captive audience with his distinct brand of folk music.

Rubarth played an opening set of eight songs for the final coffeehouse of the semester last Thursday night. The highlights of her performance included the aforementioned "Rough Cut" and the lyrically-quirky "You Will Love This Song." The latter, perhaps her strongest composition, is a self-referential song written to please to ex-boyfriend. "I knew what he liked about words and music and people," Rubarth explained before playing the song. The song, she continued, quickly became a metaphor for how she was "faking it in the relationship" by trying to change herself in order to gain his approval.

After Rubarth's set, Joe Purdy took the stage. Purdy's first song—off his latest release, *Last Clock on the Wall*—features lyrics reeling off place names (Holland, Georgia, Hamilton College) in the spirit of Geoff Mack's infamously complex "I've Been Everywhere." Purdy managed to wear his influences on his sleeve more than any other coffeehouse performer this year. With his weary vocals, acoustic guitar, and harmonica, Bob Dylan comparisons were inevitable, even had his songs not been sprinkled with Dylan references. Many of Purdy's tunes carried Dylan's imprint, notably the lyric "blood on the tracks" in "Last Clock on the Wall." (*Blood on the Tracks* is a 1975 Bob Dylan album.)



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Amber Rubarth, who opened for Joe Purdy at the last coffeehouse.

At one point in the performance, Purdy even went off on a tangent discussing two of his songwriting idols—Steve Earle and Townes Van Zandt. "Townes Van Zandt is one of the best songwriters in the world," claimed Purdy, who seemed on the verge of diving into a Van Zandt cover song, before shifting to his own piece "Can't Get it Right Today."

While not a songwriter on par with his idols, Purdy certainly demonstrated a level of mastery with tunes like "Ballplayer" and "Outlaws." The latter especially is a clear example of strong songwriting, allowing room not only for a series of neat musical references (the Boss, Dylan and Cash) but also for a clever inversion of the outlaw story. The classic outlaw myth (look to Bonnie and Clyde) ends in violent tragedy, but Purdy sidesteps the traditional ending and neatly places his characters into a happily-ever-after. Through both his songwriting and his performance last Thursday night, Joe Purdy was welcome proof that folk music is alive and well.

Baratunde Thurston: One With No Nickname

by Lily Gillespie '12
ARTS AND ENTERTAINMENT EDITOR

If Baratunde Thurston had been advertised as a comedian rather than a political commentator, the Hamilton College Democrats would have had a problem. As it was, the Red Pit was well over capacity, with audience members sitting on the floor, along the stairs or wherever they could just find a place to stand. Thurston was such a draw that even Clinton residents and parents of prospective students were in the crowd. Had he been labeled a comedian, who knows what kind of chaos would have ensued?

Thurston's opening lines demonstrated that he is an extremely quick and intelligent satirist whose dry humor had the audience in stitches even before he began discussing the political and media-related issues at the heart of his presentation. He got the crowd loose with his "crowd work" bit and then tried to learn a little about Hamilton terminology; Thurston was particularly curious about the Dark Side/Light Side distinction and one poor, unwitting audience member got himself in deep when he attempted to explain the difference in, what shall we say, were less than colorblind terms.

Thurston then discussed his childhood growing up in a rough neighborhood in Washington D.C. where he was raised by a politically active single mother. As Thurston joked, his childhood was less than traditional: "I didn't have Saturday morning cartoons; I had an apartheid lecture series–at the age of eight."

All joking aside, the 1980s was clearly a tough time to be growing up in a neighborhood he likened to The Wire, especially in light of the rampant drug trade, which his mother documented, simply as a hobby, in hundreds of photographs. Thurston was lucky in that he was able to get out and attend the prestigious Sidwell Friends School, the school the Obama girls attend today. He would later attend Harvard University and graduate in 1999.

Thurston began his career in consulting, which, though lucrative, was uninspiring. While still consulting, he began to publish a newsletter called "News Phlash" to satirize political issues. In 2006, Thurston began his blog Jack and Jill Politics with friend Cheryl Contee, but because of the highly satirical nature of the work, both had to use pseudonyms to protect their day jobs. He also pursued stand-up comedy, which he had started on a whim but enjoyed so much he decided to move to New York from Boston to be around comedians, satirists and politicos like himself. Perhaps what he is most well-known for, however, is his tenure at *The Onion*, a satirical publication that has become nationally recognized.

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Baratunde Thurston with Hamilton College Democrats. From left to right: Chris Parmenter '10, Rebecca Cairns '11, Will Leubsdorf '10, Thurston, Emma Siegel '12, Olivia Waxman '11, and Alley Fall '12

Politics is undoubtedly the greatest source of fodder for *The Onion* and the election of the nation's first "half-black president," as Thurston calls him, was no exception. One *Onion* headline Thurston included in his PowerPoint following Obama's election was a winner: "Black Man Given Nation's Worst Jobs."

All kidding aside, Thurston is clearly an avid Obama supporter; when he faces difficult people or situations, he explained that he asks himself "WWOD: What would Obama do?" Thurston emphasized that, perhaps more than anything, what makes Obama special is that everything he does, from enacting legislation to using the White House bathrooms, is "historic." Clearly nobody has made Obama's job easy and there is only more to come.

Obama wasn't the only political issue Thurston tackled and nothing was off-limits, from healthcare to Sarah Palin to the accomplishments of the GOP. Thurston took the same no-holds-barred approach in his show that he uses in his writing at *The Onion*. Senior Will Leubsdorf, co-president of the Democrats, said of Thurston's lecture that, "I thought it was a great mix of comedy and serious discussion of important issues. I thought he was perfect for our audience."

FACE OFF

Do Hamilton's Academic Policies Hinder Our Aspirations?

Our Values Conflict With Our Policies

By Rachel Lieb '13
Opinion Editor

Hamilton College expects ambition, drive and a love of learning from all of its students. Students are encouraged to pursue a wide range of academic pursuits throughout their time here. The decision to deny a student the fruits of her labors seems like a hypocritical decision from a school that promotes academic achievement above all else.

A Facebook group was recently formed supporting a current senior, Kathryn, who has completed all of the requirements necessary for a concentration in math. However, because she has also completed the requirements for her original concentration, in addition to a minor in comparative literature, the school will not allow her to accept the degrees she deserves for a double major and a minor.

Paige Cross '13 said, "I think students should receive their diploma based on the work they completed here, rather than deny someone a degree because of an arbitrary rule."

A student as ambitious and motivated as Kathryn should be praised, rather than punished for her hard work and perseverance through completing two majors and a minor. As the rule stands now, the maximum a student can accomplish is either a double major or a major and two minors. But for those who strive to accomplish more, why should the school tell them "no?" According to Hamilton, the reason for denying Kathryn her rightfully earned degrees is that it would be unfair to other students.

However, it seems unlikely that many students would be strongly opposed to granting someone proper recognition for their rightfully earned accomplishments. Rules can be changed. Policies can be rewritten. The opportunity to be recognized for college academic achievements only comes around once.

On the Facebook group page, the creator, in favor of rewarding Kathryn her multiple degrees, Kate Zavin '10 says, "She did the work. She definitely did not spend these past four years taking all of those math courses in the hopes of making the rest of us look bad. She deserves to be recognized for her achievements-- all of them."

Kathryn has not done anything wrong: She hasn't broken the honor code or disrespected the school in any way. In fact, she has bolstered its already admirable reputation by showing future generations of Hamilton students that it is truly possible to strive for academic greatness and overcome academic obstacles through hard work.

Denying her recognition for her achievements undermines many of Hamilton's core values. In order to prevent this situation from recurring, Hamilton needs to carefully examine their values and policies to make sure that they are completely aligned.

Rules Were Made for a Reason

By Patrick Landers '12
Opinion Writer

A student named Kathryn who is the subject of the Facebook group titled "Why deny a student her major?" took enough extra classes in one discipline to constitute a concentration, although she never declared a second major or minor in that subject. Currently, she has a major and is minoring in comparative literature but has also completed the requirements for a math concentration.

However, Hamilton College only allows a student to declare a maximum of two concentrations or one concentration and two minors, and therefore Kathryn is being barred from officially declaring a second major. The first question that needs to be answered when addressing Kathryn's plight is whether or not the campus policy is sound.

As *The Office's* Paul Lieberstein '89 noted when he visited campus last week, it's not necessarily what you study at college that matters – it's how well you exercise your brain. This is the embodiment of the liberal arts approach to education that Hamilton espouses.

While most students appreciate that Hamilton lacks core requirements, they still chose it over large universities that offer degrees in professional areas like business.

In this way, the approach to education that Hamilton advertises and practices is largely recognized as extremely successful, especially in today's world, in which classroom knowledge becomes quickly outdated but adaptable skills are valuable forever. Hasn't anyone noticed that many business schools now incorporate a liberal arts element into their curriculum? Many schools are beginning to realize the value of a well-rounded, interdisciplinary education.

By maintaining this policy, Hamilton is able to hold on to a shred of dignity when it claims to be a liberal arts institution. In preventing a student from declaring a double concentration and a minor, Hamilton discourages students from taking so many courses (roughly 25) in just three academic areas.

Hamilton's policy is valid because it promotes a diverse and well-rounded liberal arts education, something that a student with so many academic requirements probably would not be able to achieve.

While there is an argument that the policy is valid, some people might feel differently. Those students and other members of the community would argue that Kathryn is making a show of all her accomplishments and therefore diminishing others' achievements.

The Facebook group responds to that claim, however, in saying that "she definitely did not spend these past four years taking all of those math courses in hopes of making the rest of us look bad."

The problem is that this policy is well known, so students should make their academic decisions accordingly. The school cannot exempt one student.

Finally, it's not as if the college is saying that the student can't be recognized for her achievements in math – she could still double major if she wanted to; she would just have to drop her minor. Otherwise, she could declare a single concentration and a double minor.

Either way, Kathryn can still be recognized for her achievements in various academic areas, which is merely secondary to the fact that she will receive a degree from a prestigious academic institution like Hamilton. In a few years her concentrations may not even matter. Look at Paul Lieberstein, who majored in economics and ended up as a comedy writer.

Unlike a professional school, concentrations are not set in stone. The emphasis at Hamilton is on the variety of thinking styles, learned or experienced. In other words, the focus is on the quality of courses taken, not the quantity.

Thumbs Up

Mustache Day: Welcome to Hamilton, prospies! Pick us and join the likes of Mario, Luigi, Wario, Adolph Hitler, Anne Coulter, Joan Hinde Stewart and The KFC Colonel.

4/20: And on the high holyday the Lord smiled and said ith "give them nice weather to warm their skin, endless food in Commons to fill their bellies, and a card trick on the vending machines to ease their endless drymouth."

Ham-Trek: While I admire the effort, I'll let my liver speak for my entire body when I say; IMA BE BUSY.

Alumni Events: apparently "networking" means getting sh!tfaced with older people who can't remember your name, aka, my relationship with my grandparents. Success here I come!

Thumbs Down

The chickenwire on the bridge: or as my bike likes to call it, TDX pledging.

Prospies talking in class: Sorry new kid, but noooobody hit your buzzer. You have no lines in this play.

The Carnegie Pee-er: Are you marking your territory? Are you practicing for life as a hobo in New York City? STOP PISSING IN THE F**CKING DOORWAY!

Waterbottle Policy on C&C Day: unless the bottles repel alcohol or turn blue when they feel tipsy, you're really just giving me a new way to carry my vodka around.

Who Cares?

Greek Life vs. The Administration: It's like Monsters vs. Aliens but without the giant hot girl. Actually KSA was there… so just without the hot girl.

College promoted superstitions: In the name of honesty I'm supporting a dance party on top of the map on class and charter day. Everyone wear super abrasive shoes just to drive the point home.

The Housing Lottery: Like Full House, the central drama stems from young people having unrealistic expectations and meeting discouraging results. Plus, Pat Marino is undeniably Hamilton's Uncle Jesse, so there's that.

by Anthony DelConte '10, Nathan Fedrizzi '10 and Lesley Ryder '11

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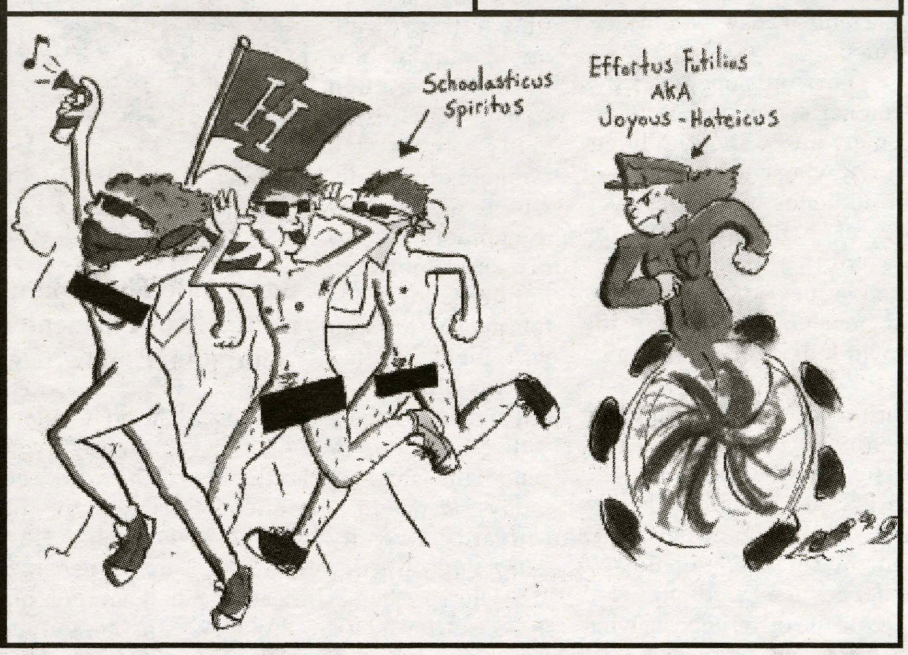

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OUR VERY OWN CHAMBER OF SECRETS:

A Look at the Mysteries of Hamilton's Website

by Danielle Brockmann '13
OPINION CONTRIBUTOR

Have you ever looked at Hamilton's website? I have, several times. There are so many interesting things that this school offers that I didn't know existed. For instance, did you know that Hamilton offers an interdisciplinary major? According to the website they do, but when I went to speak to my advisor about it, he had no idea.

"I've never met anyone with an interdisciplinary major. We don't do that here," he said.

Well, if the website says yes, and you say no, who am I supposed to talk to in order to verify this? After asking a multitude of people, I finally found one girl who is actually working on an interdisciplinary major. So back to my advisor I went.

"She's an interdisciplinary major," I said.

"Oh, that's interesting. I don't know how to help you though."

What about the Class and Charter Day Awards? After browsing the website I discovered that there were awards for freshmen.

"How do I submit my work for one of these?" I asked.

"Oh, you're just a freshman, you don't have to worry about such things."

Really? I was under the impression that if the school presents awards for freshman, they should apply.

How about that oral history project? What? My advisor doesn't know about this either. Well surprise, surprise.

His words of wisdom: "Stop looking at the website. Let Hamilton come to you, don't seek it out."

"To the non-experienced user, Hamilton's website is merely a labyrinth of links."

Right, because the early bird never catches the worm, but the boy with flannel pants and bedhead running to class does.

The lack of knowledge the community has about the Hamilton website may be due in part to its non-user-friendly format. To the non-experienced user, Hamilton's website is merely a labyrinth of links.

Did you know that if you click on the tan weather vane that is in the background of the top of the page, you will come to "Many Voices, One Hamilton?" It is a project of a collection of stories from alumni, students, faculty and staff about their experiences at Hamilton that is being preserved for the bicentennial celebration. If it weren't for an accidental move of the mouse, I would have never known.

So Hamilton, why so secretive? Why is the community that you represent completely unaware of your online happenings? I think that faculty, especially advisors, need to take a website tutorial to learn about all of the wonderful opportunities that you present.

Additionally, a website that is easier to access and search (without clicking on all of the random objects on the page in hopes that you found another hidden link) is much needed. In the 21st Century, technology along with the Internet plays a fundamental role in people's lives. Hamilton, it's time to step up your game.

Want to be more involved?
Student Assembly elections are coming up!

Save the Dates:

Class President

Signature sheets (attached) from peers in your class year are due to Box 277 by Friday, April 23rd by 4 pm or bring the sheet with you to the mandatory briefing meeting that afternoon at 4:30 pm in the Fireplace Lounge.

Note: you may not begin any advertising until AFTER the briefing meeting.

Elections will be held Wednesday, April 28th with winning candidates announced that Friday via email

Class Secretary-Treasurer, Representatives (5), Judicial Board (3), Honor Court (3), Appeals Board (2 overall)

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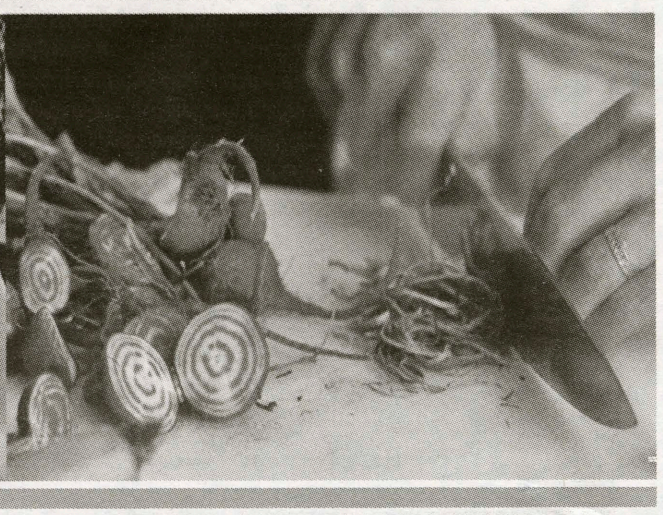

Stolen Bases Help Continental Offense Stay in Close Games

Hamilton outruns foes on the basepaths

*from **Baseball** page 16*

to SUNY Brockport 20-9 and then getting swept at Williams by scores of 6-4, 6-5 and 11-7. Their overall record currently stands at 6-20.

While opponents have put tons of runs on the board against Hamilton (their opponents have outscored them 264-146), the pitching hasn't been terrible. They have allowed a .345 batting average against, but Alex Augustyn '10, Dan Kroenig '11 and Max Foster '10 have all posted ERA's in the fours, tossing at least 18 innings apiece. What has killed the Continentals this season is an extremely shoddy defense: they have committed a whopping 53 errors and have allowed 30 unearned runs. The Continentals have hit at a reasonable .287 clip this season and have gotten on base (.369 OBP), but they have very little power, posting a mere .381 slugging percentage to their opponents' .501.

Though there isn't much silver lining for the Continentals this season - they are 0-9 in the NESCAC conference - they will have two more chances to improve that record with a two-game series against Middlebury following a date with St. Lawrence on Apr. 21. The baseball team will conclude the 2010 season with their annual alumni game and a final two games against SUNY Cortland and Vassar.

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Patrick Gennaco '11

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Despite Struggles, Equestrian Team Rides On

*from **Equestrian** page 16*

ent and skill of its riders. The team's last show of the season at Hartwick College was marked by the success of Kate Hutchins '12, who won two blue ribbons for jumping and for flat.

Flat is the rigorous portion of competition in which riders and their horses must walk, trot and canter as officials judge them based on the horse's gait, the rider's posture and how the horse reacts to its rider. Such mastery over one's mount is not easy in the IHSA, where riders are randomly assigned to a horse.

As nine-year rider Jessica Gutfleish '13 explained, "the first time you ride the horse is when you're showing, unless you're on the home team."

In recognition of Hutchins's impressive riding performance, the sophomore was given the opportunity to contend with another rider for the accolade of "high-point rider of the day."

Googel explained that in this final challenge, "each [rider] had to answer a series of horse-related questions which would test their knowledge and overall horsemanship."

Hutchins proved not only to be skilled on the horse but also extremely knowledgeable about her sport and she easily won the high-point rider title.

Googel described her teammate's accomplishment as "radiating throughout the team, providing a wonderful reward to finish off a tough season."

At the regional finals, Googel and Hutchins performed admirably with Googel earning sixth over fences and fourth in flat competition and Hutchins placing eighth on the flat.

Already looking to the future, the team is hoping to reduce some of the disadvantages that plagued them this season.

"We had to do everything ourselves, without a coach," commented Chelsea Lewis '13, but as a consequence, "we were able to unite as a team despite our challenging circumstances."

Continuing to make the best of an unfortunate situation, Googel expressed a desire to "acquire new horses, new members, and a full-time coach" by next fall.

With a budding talent of the riders, and the possibility of improving their support, the equestrian team is looking nowhere but up.

PHOTO BY MIKE DOHERTY

Jimmy Alexis '13 steals the show with his jumping ability en route to a first place.

Hamilton Shines on the Track

*from **Track and Field** page 16*

'13 placed second in the event with a similarly strong performance, posting a height of 3.30 meters. Building on his success during the Continentals' winter season, Joshua Orndorff '11 impressively finished in the top three for all three of his field events. Orndorff claimed first in the shot put with a distance of 13.26 meters, second in the hammer throw (39.25 meters) and third in the discus throw (33.83 meters).

Coming off a third place finish at the Rochester Invitational, the lady Continentals also performed well in multiple events. Brooke Rayder '11 led the team with two victories in the 100-meter hurdles (17.59 seconds) and in the high jump with a height of 1.41 meters. Sprinter Muriel Schwinn '13 placed first in the 100-meter dash with a time of 12.71. In a prelude to the 1500 meter sweep from the men's team, four Continentals claimed the top four spots in the women's 800-meter run. Glenn Watkins '12 finished first with a time of 2:25.21. Laurie Horesta '12 performed well in the javelin throw with a first place mark of 30.90 meters. The most exciting performance from the women's team came from Liz Wahl '10, who narrowly missed besting the team record in the 400-meter by 0.91 seconds on her way to a second place finish. Maddy Gunter '11 placed second in the 1500-meter run with a time of 5:03.09, and the relay team of Alex Rimmer '13, and Alexandra Americanos '10, Wahl and Schwinn capped off the meet with a victory in the 400-meter relay in a time of 51.57 seconds.

Following the Continental Invitational on Apr. 20, both teams will begin championship season on Apr. 24 when they travel to Tufts University to compete in the NESCAC Championships.

Tennis Prepares for St. Lawrence

Peter Erwin '11 delivers sole win

*from **Tennis** page 16*

and 6-2. Drew Libin, '12, was close to reeling in another win but lost in a super-tiebreak during his third set, 11-9.

Continuing their journey northward, the Continentals traveled to Bates that evening to rest up for a series of matches scheduled to take place all day Sunday. In a colder environment - yes, even colder than Hamilton - and nearly 450 miles away from home, the two teams played a total of fourteen matches with the men's squad going 0-5 and the women's team finishing 1-8.

Deb Barany '11, brought in a win with a score of 7-6 (5), 3-0, when her opponent had to step aside due to an injury. Meanwhile Laura Brantley, '10 almost won a very close match that went into a third set super tie-breaker, scoring 7-6 (5), 4-6, but falling in the third 10-5. Hamilton's men's team got valiant efforts in their doubles matches with Mike Moreno '11 and Jordan Petit '13 falling 8-4 and Jon Franzel '13 and Peter Erwin '11 dropping an 8-6 thriller.

"Despite these disappointing losses, the weekend was a really great chance for the team to bond," said first-year Alex Arenson '13. "The matches were really tough, but everyone tried especially hard."

Jon Franzel '13 concluded, "The best part of the weekend was experiencing the level of the best competition in Division III tennis. Even though they're not Division I, the best NESCAC teams have great recruiting and sufficient facilities to recruit many players who could easily play at the DI level."

Although they returned home early Monday morning with losses under their belts, the team was upbeat. The Continentals will have a chance to improve their win total in the upcoming weeks with matches against St. Lawrence, SUNY Geneseo and Williams. These matches will decide the fate of the season and help assess where the teams can improve in their preparation for next year.

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Captain Alex Augustyn '10 swings at a low pitch in the annual Jackie Robinson Game against Utica College.

Baseball Skids Against NESCAC Rivals

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The Hamilton men's baseball team has hit a huge slump after starting their season with a 5-9 record. They have lost 11 of their last 12 games, with a 14-8 win against SUNY IT sandwiched by seven and four-game losing streaks. Their decline began with a 24-13 mauling at the hands of Amherst College in the first game of what ended as a three-game sweep on Apr. 2 and 3. Grady Vigneau '10 provided almost half of the Continentals' offense in the first game, going 2-4 with a double, a home run and 6 RBI. It was a valiant effort against the Lord Jeffs, (a perennial Division III powerhouse) who always assemble a strong pitching staff under the helm of legendary pitching coach Bill Thurston. Amherst went on to win the final two contests 8-4 and 14-3.

The baseball team returned to action on Apr. 7, when they faced off against Utica College in the twenty-third annual Jackie Robinson Game at Utica College Field. Hamilton lost a 10-inning heartbreaker 11-10, blowing an early 3-0 lead, coming back from a 7-3 deficit, and then coughing up a 10-8 lead in the bottom of the tenth on a two-run double in which the game-tying and go-ahead runs scored on an error to give Utica a walk-off victory.

Following the loss to Utica, Hamilton was swept in a three-game series against Wesleyan, losing the games by margins of 13-2, 6-3 and 5-4, respectively. Though the Continentals' starting pitching showed promise, a strong Wesleyan staff shut down the Continentals for the better part of all three games. On Apr. 11, Hamilton bounced back with a win against SUNY IT, scoring a run in all but two of the eight innings they came up to bat in a 14-8 victory. Since that game, the Continentals have dropped four straight, losing

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First-year Jordan Petit returns a ball during a match.

Tennis Faces Amherst Challenge

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This past weekend, the Hamilton men's and women's tennis teams boarded a bus for their first away matches since their spring break tour in March. After a four-hour journey, the teams arrived at Amherst College on Saturday, Apr. 17 for the first leg of their trip. The Intercollegiate Tennis Association ranks Amherst's women's team number one and the men's team eighth overall in Division III, setting up a difficult test for the Continentals.

Though they performed admirably, the Lord Jeffs' depth and skill was too much. Amherst defeated the Hamilton women 9-0 and men 8-1. Peter Erwin '11 earned the men's only win with a riveting three set match of 6-4, 2-6

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Track & Field Wins

by Jonathan Fung '12
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Fresh off a strong showing at the University of Rochester Invitational, the Continentals men's and women's track and field teams competed in their first midweek meet of the season at home. The competition was a multi-division, non-scoring meet, with Hamilton hosting teams from Utica College, Mohawk Valley Community College and Colgate University.

Following up his strong showing at Rochester, Graham Sadler '13 led the way for the men with two individual wins as he won both the high jump (1.82 meters) and the javelin throw (42.97 meters). One of the highlights from the men's team was the performance of trio Devon Lynch '11, Garrett Armbruster '10 and Robert Woodworth '12, who swept the 1500-meter race. Lynch crossed the finish line first with

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Stephen Rosenman '13

a time of 4:07.58, followed by Armbruster in 4:12.61 and Woodworth in 4:20.51. First-year sensation Jimmy Alexis continued his winning ways in the pole vault with a victory in his signature event posting a height of 3.90 meters. Ethan Ayers

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Captain Abby Googel '12

Equestrian Team Leaping Over Obstacles

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Though the Hamilton College equestrian team has only been in existence for seven years, it has already proved to be a competitive force in the Intercollegiate Horse Show Association. Practicing at White Fox Farms with instructor Jean Raposa, the team prepared diligently in order to have a successful spring season.

Captain Abby Googel '12 reported that she and Hathaway Burden '10 "Worked hard to get the new program rolling quickly."

Their efforts paid off, with several members of the team achieving great success this season. At a recent show hosted by Cornell University, the team tied for sixth out of a field of 15 – a strong performance for a team whose instructor was unable to attend any of their four shows.

In Raposa's place, Googel noted that, "senior Cora Katz-Samuels… acted as a stand-in coach by instructing other team members and communicating with show officials."

The lack of a full-time coach was not the only problem the team overcame. "Not only is the team placed in a zone that contains some of the most talented riders and best programs in the country," Googel said, "but many of the other teams benefit from varsity status, which allows them greater funding and recruitment."

As such, sixth place is remarkable for a team that lacks many of these advantages and practices no more than twice a week.

The team's success, of course, is rooted in the tal

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